

TOWN OF TYRINGHAM, MA
PLANNING BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN HALL
7:00pm April 8, 2013

Called to order 7:04pm

Planning Board members in attendance: Jerry Miller, Rich Biasin, Robin Almgren, Barbara Palmer, Ed Nardi

Public in Attendance: Lois Jensen, Murray Hochman, Daniel Jocz, Katherine Bock, Roger Ketron, Holly Ketron

Public Hearing:

Clerk, Robin Almgren, read the public notice as published in the Berkshire Eagle in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A, Section 11.

Chair, Jerry Miller presented the proposed bylaws.

Comments from Planning Board members were heard. Members expressed pride in the final proposed bylaws and complimented fellow members on their work in writing, editing and rewriting the proposed bylaws.

No comments from other town boards or town officials.

Public comments were heard.

Lois Jensen of 255 Main Street, expressed concern with repeaters coming near her house. She asked if a fixed wireless applicant would need a special permit and if the use of a repeater would also require a special permit to which Jerry answered yes. As in the case of WiSpring, the application had a repeater as part of the original application and anything substantially added, such as more repeaters would need another special permit. Lois submitted a letter, signed by her and by Murray Hochman, requesting that an additional paragraph, included in the letter, be added to section G of the 6.7.1 bylaw.

Daniel Jocz, of 213 Main Road, commented that he was in favor of the town having internet service but wondered if the fall distance requirement was enough to be safe to which members commented that the risk was very low.

Katherine Bock, of 213 Main Road, thanked the board for their hard work and said that the flexibility in the new proposed bylaws was a positive move forward.

Holly Ketron, of 261 Main Road, explained that in regard to repeaters in Tyringham, there can only be one or two as their signal can not crisscross.

Jerry advised that the board would review and consider all comments and requests.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

Barbara asked if second home owners have the right to vote in the Town Meeting. Members agreed that they were not sure, that the voting eligibility rules were not known.

Rich expressed disappointment that the \$50,000.00 that the state granted to WiSpring to be used to offset the cost of the project didn't seem to help lower the installation fee as was suggested by the applicant. It was noted that the board did not have say in the use of the grant.

Meeting minutes of March 11th approved with changes.

Meeting minutes of March 25th approved.

Members discussed the rules and regulations regarding special permit applications. It was suggested that members review planning board rules and regulations including considering a revamp of 5.3.

Notice of March 13, 2013 from Comm. of Mass, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs regarding a \$25,000.00 grant available to Tyringham in connection with the Long Mountain Conservation Project, was submitted by the select board's secretary to the planning board for review. According to the notice, the town

(planning board or select board?) would be required to make a request for the grant by April 16th, 2013. The planning board voted not to take action as there was insufficient time for the board to review before the required request submission date.

No action required on permits: 12 McCarthy Rd. by Peter Salinetti for new construction of a single family dwelling, 2 Sodom Rd. by Michael Loring for a permit amended to add 12 window units, 169 Jerusalem Rd. by William Kozlowski to repair porch, roof, ceiling, foundation, columns and floor.

Notice of January 21st from UMass regarding a three day training program on forest ecological wildlife management, Keystone Project, application date of March 4th, 2013.

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Almgren.